Luxury

SHARD

"Luxury is the wolf at
the door
and its fangs are the
vanities and conceits
germinated by success.
When an artist learns this,
he knows
where
the danger is."

-Tennessee Williams

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Printer ink costs a lot:

You can, certainly, go buy a gallon online in bulk, and it will cost you a bit over $100 right now. That's quite a bit more than milk, gasoline or soy sauce as is - but a tub full of ink isn't going to do you much good, either.

In usable cartridges, the equivalent of a gallon would be more like $2,700, and possibly much higher, depending on the manufacturer.

It's estimated that there is about 1 gram of gold per every 100 million metric tons of seawater.

Based on the estimated volume of the world's oceans, that means there's about 15,432,414 tons of gold to be found there, if you could sift it all out.

That's about three times what is stored in Fort Knox.

If we're going to spend ungodly amounts, the Patek Philippe Grandmaster Chime here → seems much more stylish.
It's a comparative steal at $31 million.

This ugly, ugly watch is the record holder for "most expensive" - the Graff Diamonds Hallucinat:on, which sold for $55 million.
Basically, they took a watch and slathered a shit ton of diamonds on it. Which feels like cheating.

Elvis' very first recording, which he Paid $4 to make in July of 1953.
He kept the acetate all his life, and only 500 vinyl copies were made.

Jack White bought it recently and had it digitized - it cost him $300,000, but you can now listen to it online, should you be so inclined.
It's not the most valuable record - that would be the unique Wu-Tang album Pharma Bro had - but it's up there.

A bottle of this - Pappy Van Winkle 23 Year Old Family Reserve - will set you back around $6,000.

It's hard to imagine that the taste / experience justifies that kind of money, and I say that as someone who enjoys a good bourbon.

If taste is what you're going for, Old Forester and many others fit the bill fine.

If "drunk" is what you're going for, just buy a handle of Everclear and try not to die.

If "spending gobs of money pointlessly" is what you're going for, I have a bottle of Jack that I'll give you for $10,000. I'll even sign it.

The most expensive game sold at auction isn't some undiscovered gem, or rare printing, or leaked prototype.

No, it's just a mint boxed copy of Super Mario Bros from 1986, still shrinkwrapped, and it sold for $2 million, in what seems like a publicity stunt, money laundering scam, or both.

There are plenty of examples of rare cartridges made for competitions selling for a ton of money, but the fact that good ol' SMB holds the record is a little disappointing... (The black boxes → were cool.)

In the comics, Flintheart Glomgold has a money bin as well. It's identical to Scrooge's, except for this.

And it's canonically located in South Africa, where he made his fortune. (Turns out heavy ink blood diamonds. Very on brand.)

Diamonds ain't shit.

As gems go, they're actually fairly common, and can now be grown in labs to be identical to those mined.

De Beers' marketing team essentially invented "the whole "a diamond is forever" campaign that made diamond rings a must for engagements, and we all bought into it. At the same time, they more or less cornered the market on the things, strictly regulating the supply (and also with a bit of illegal price-fixing on the side), and happily celebrating conflict diamonds until the UN put a big spotlight on that.

The Louis XIII pizza, made in Italy by Chef Renato Viola, is an 8" pizza that costs (as of this writing) $9,083.

It has prawns, lobster, monk's shrimp, and three kinds of extra-rare caviar slathered over it. (That's such a great word)

(You also get several drinks of extremely fancy booze with it.)

If you're going to have a horse, why wouldn't you get a gold one?

(Besides the breed's propensity for genetic diseases, that is?)

The Akhal-Teke horse of Turkmenistan really does have a beautiful golden coat, though they're hard to get, and you'll pay for the privilege.

It's not the most expensive breed, though- racing thoroughbreds cost way more.

NOT gold.

Cloth of Gold is just that- cloth made of gold.

You start by hammering gold ultra-thin into sheets, then cut those into strips.

You also pull other gold through twists and twirls and holes to make wires.

After that, the strips and wires are wrapped around a silk strand to make the thread.

From there, you would (carefully) weave it into cloth.

Now you do

Can smell just like the fancy boys did back in 1709!

The original Eau de Cologne is still made in that city, according to the formula created by its inventor, Giovanni Maria Farina.

It's expensive, yes, at 30 euro/a 1oz. bottle, but attainable.

(I've been tempted to get some myself, for that old-school vibe...)

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purty flower

This orchid- the Shenzhen Nongke- is lab- grown, and blossoms every five years.

It costs

$224,000.

Sure, you could pay $100,000 per night for the 9000 ft² "Empathy Suite" at the Palms in Vegas that was custom designed by Damien Hirst and has a 24-hour butler- but can it go underwater? No.

The discerning plutocrat will spend their $223,000 for a ticket to the "Mile Low Club"- (their phrasing) with a chef butler and captain aboard the "Lovers' Deep" submarine that cruises around St. Lucia.

The menu is apparently big on aphrodisiacs, which they really play up in the marketing copy.